

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JANUARY 18, 1960.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Public Works was held in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland, on Monday, January 18, 1960.

There were present:

J. Millard Tawes, Governor  
Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Also attending were:

Dr. H. C. Byrd, Chairman of the Tidewater Fisheries Commission  
Mr. James G. Rennie, Director, Department of Budget & Procurement  
Mr. James J. O'Donnell, Director, State Planning Department  
Mr. Albert P. Backhaus, Director, Department of Public Improvements  
Mr. Adam G. Uhl, of the Central Purchasing Bureau  
Mr. Stedman Prescott, Jr., Deputy Attorney General  
Mr. Russell H. McCain, Executive Assistant to the Governor.

DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES:

Following the meeting of January 4, 1960, the State Law Department advised the Governor that the Board of Public Works has sufficient authority to use its own discretion in the matter of consideration of the bids received for and the award of a contract for the dredging of dead oyster and clam shells and deal shell deposits in the Chesapeake Bay. Whereupon, the Governor, as Chairman of the Board of Public Works, appointed the following persons:--

Mr. Rennie	Mr. Uhl	
Mr. O'Donnell	Mr. Prescott	and Mr. Heubeck,
Mr. Backhaus	Mr. McCain,	

to serve as a Special Committee to review the invitation to bid and the bids received on January 4, 1960, for this project, and to report their findings to the members of the Board. The Committee met on January 12, 1960, and their findings were promptly reported to the Governor. Whereupon, the Governor called this Special Meeting of the Board for today and requested the members of the Special Committee to be present to discuss these findings.

The Governor read this report, as submitted, after which the matter was discussed in detail. During the discussion, it was suggested that Dr. Byrd be acquainted with these facts and he was requested to appear before the Board immediately, which he did, and he was advised of the contents of the report.

Following a full discussion of the matter, the Board rejected the bids received on January 4, 1960.

Then the Board instructed the Secretary, Mr. McCain and Dr. Byrd to meet with each of the three (3) bidders, individually, and to discuss the submission of new bids, such bids to be of a more positive and definite nature than those received on January 4, 1960, namely, that the bids to be received would be for a two-year contract with the State; and that "the bidder agrees to supply the State, and the State agrees to accept, in conformity with the specifications governing the bids submitted on January 4, 1960, except where altered by this present proposal, with 200,000 cubic yards of oyster shells per annum at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per cubic yard or a total price for the 200,000 cubic yards of shells of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This bid is predicated upon no shells being dredged other than the 200,000 cubic yards required by the State".

BARRETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS:

The Secretary advised the Board that on January 13, 1960, Mr. Albert P. Backhaus, Director of the Department of Public Improvements, Mr. Russell H. McCain, Executive Assistant to the Governor, and the Secretary met with Mr. Joseph Blake, Real Estate Division of the Comptroller's Office of the City of Baltimore, to discuss the proposed sale of the land and improvements of Barrett School for Girls to the City of Baltimore, this property being desired for the use of Friendship International Airport.

This Committee met on November 6, 1959, at which time the City offered \$498,500.00 for the property, the value set by their appraisors; the State asked \$932,000.00, the lower of the two appraisals made for the State. The net result of that meeting was that Mr. Blake thought the City might consider \$550,000.00 as its top price and the Committee felt that the Board of Public Works might consider \$715,000.00 as the State's lowest price.

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(Barrett School for Girls)

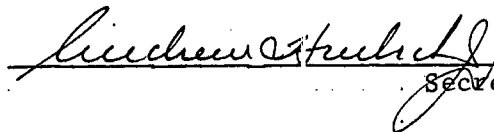
At the meeting of the Committee on January 13, 1960, Mr. Blake informed that Committee that the City's appraisal had been revised to \$605,000.00. The State's low figure at that point was \$715,000.00. The difference between these two figures is \$110,000.00, and it was proposed that the two parties split the difference and agree on a price of \$660,000.00. Mr. Blake indicated that he thought the highest price the City Officials would consider was \$650,000.00.

The Secretary stated that after some discussion, in which the importance of the airport to the City and the State was considered, and the additional cost to the State to move Barrett School for Girls, the Committee agreed to recommend that the Board of Public Works accept, if the City so offers, the price of \$650,000.00. This recommendation was forwarded to the individual members of the Board under date of January 14th, 1960.

After due consideration of the matter, the Board agreed to accept an offer, if made by the City of Baltimore, in the amount of \$650,000.00, with the understanding that transfer of title and possession cannot be effected until other facilities have been provided to replace the present school. It was stated that it is the intention of the State, when the property of Barrett School for Girls is sold, to proceed promptly with the re-establishing of these facilities at a new location.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary.